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SUBJECT: FHWA OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY INJUNCTION

1. ACCORDING TO A STORY APPEARING IN THE JULY 19 EDITION OF "CRITICA", FHWA DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR KARL BOWERS EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT THE COURT SUIT FILED BY THE "FRIENDS OF THE EARTH" BLOCKING PARTICIPATION BY THE USG IN CONSTRUCTING THE DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY WILL BE RESOLVED WITHIN 15 DAYS. DURING MEETING WITH PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER TOMAS GUERRA, BOWERS NOTED THAT A FAVORABLE DECISION IN THE SUIT WOULD RELEASE FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT. HE FEELS THAT CONGRESS WILL APPROVE FUNDING FOR COMPLETION OF THE HIGHWAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE LIFTING OF THE DISTRICT COURT'S INJUNCTION.

2. STORY QUOTES BOWERS AS SAYING THAT "BOTH PRESIDENT CARTER AND TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY BROCK ADAMS CONSIDER THE DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PROJECTS IN LATIN AMERICA."
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EM BOWERS REPORTEDLY TOLD MINISTER GUERRA THAT FHWA WOULD CONTINUE TO FUND 2/3 OF THE CURRENT COST OF THE PROJECT, WHICH HAS INCREASED DUE TO INFLATION DURING THE DELAY CAUSED BY THE INJUNCTION. MINISTER GUERRA EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR BOWERS ASSURANCES, NOTING THAT

"THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY PRESIDENT CARTER SINCE ASSUMING OFFICE
COULD BE TAKEN AS EVIDENCE OF GOOD FAITH BY THE USG TOWARD
PANAMA AND THE DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY PROJECT."
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